

REMARKS

Summary

Claims 1-6, 12-20, 24, 26-29, 31-38, 41-46, and 48-75 were pending.

In the present amendment, claims 41-46, 48-61, and 67-71 are amended. No claims are added or cancelled. No new matter has been introduced.

Accordingly, claims 1-6, 12-20, 24, 26-29, 31-38, 41-46, and 48-75 remain pending.

Examiner's Amendment

The Examiner's Amendment mailed on June 1, 2009, included amendments to various claims. However, the Examiner's Amendment did not include one series of claim amendments discussed and agreed to with Applicant's representative, namely the change of the term "when" to "if" in various claims. Thus, this amendment presents such amendments to claims 41-46, 48-61, and 67-71, as agreed previously. Entry of the claim amendments at this time is respectfully requested.

Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

Applicant acknowledges Examiner's statements of reasons for allowance and agrees that the claimed subject matter is patentably distinct over the reference(s) cited. However, Applicant takes no position regarding the reasons for allowance presented by the Examiner other than the positions Applicant may have previously taken during prosecution. Therefore, the Examiner's reasons for allowance should not be attributed to Applicant. Furthermore, it is respectfully asserted that there may also be additional reasons for patentability of the claimed subject matter not explicitly stated in this record and Applicant does not waive its rights to such arguments by not further addressing such reasons herein.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and early issuance of a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner has any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (503) 796-2844. Please charge any shortages and credit any overages to Deposit Account No. 500393.

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